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ITIn order to avoid delays, on account of personal absence, letters to THE STAR should not be addressed to any individual connected with the office, but simply to THE STAR, or to the Editorial or Business Departments, according to tenor or purpose.

The Raid on Commissioner Evans. The controversy over the commissionermittee, and Gen. Sickles, representing the Grand Army, brings developments which are discreditable to both participants. The charge is that a bargain was made by which Grand Army votes were cast last November for the republican presidential ticket in consideration of the promise that Commissioner Evans should be removed from office, and that, in effect, his successor and the pension policy of the government should be determined by the pension committee of the G. A. R.

The correspondence shows that some such deal was suggested by Gen. Sickles, and that Senator Scott treated the proposal in a shuffling, equivocal fashion, stating that of course it would be impossible for him to say that the President would not appoint certain individuals, "but I think I can safely say that I hardly think Evans will be continued as commissioner." Gen. Sickles. t seems, treated Senator Scott's Delphic oracle deliverance as a pledge by the republican national committee, binding upon William McKinley, and circulated the alleged promise everywhere that his campaign labors carried him The letters up to this time made public,

while they leave upon the reader's mind a very disagreeable impression, do not constitute a contract of traffic in votes in exchange for an office. But if the actual communications between the parties did create in legal effect the alleged contract in consideration of presidential votes to remove from office an honest and capable official, who has stood like a wall between the public treasury and plundering schemers, the agreement would be corrupt and disgraceful, and the people of the United States should annul it on grounds of pub-The country will welcome disproof of

charge which casts discredit upon the Army as a trafficker in votes as apon the republican national com-The people have shown their appreciation of the services of the Grand Army by liberal pension taws, liberally interpreted, and there is not a thought in any patriotic bosom of a policy which would change this. The republican national committee represents one of the great parties, and now the triumphant party, and while much is allowed in the management of an important and exciting campaign, the country would learn with the deepest disapproval that the pension bureau, with its enormous expenditure of money patriappropriated, had been put in pledge anywhere to anybody in return for

the duties of his office most intelligently and honestly. There has been no reason for any other course on his part. The President is an old soldier, and would not have one of his appointees. In addition to this s the law, and that compe uch treatment of the old soldiers as makes undreds of thousands of them more comfortable than are the worn and deserving veterans of any other nation in the world.

There are doubtless some good men who, way or another, have been enlisted in this crusade against Mr. Evans; but the who have pushed it the most vigorously, are ension agent "sharks," who, with loud professions of devotion to the "boys" and their interests, are simply seeking to use the pension bureau for filling their own Gen. Sickles does not charge that Mr.

McKinley prior to the election knew of the alleged promise in his name, or that by word or act he countenanced it. The claim now that such a binding pledge was given, and the threatening, almost blackmailing demand upon the President that he carry out a corrupt bargain, alleged to have been made for him by others, or suffer the consequences, would seem to render it imor the President in self-respect to make at this time any change in the commissionership of pensions which he may other reasons contemplated, even basis of the intended promotion of Mr. Evans to a more agreeable and de-

The need has asserted itself of formal protest against playing rag-time in Outside of the serious objection to the sacrilege, there ought to be one day in the seven that is exempt from this style

If the shirt waist man is really comfortable he can afford to let the other people

Track Elevation Means Profit.

Whenever American cities have sought to grade-crossings by the elevation or depression of steam railroad tracks the corporation interests have sought assiduously to create the impression that the proposed improvements were solely for the benefit of the community and the private welfare of individual citizens. So strongly has this idea taken root in the public mind that legislators have usually approached that he hoped for. sumption that the corporations were to be asked or forced to expend heavily without a measure of return. This has in many cases unjustly caused divisions of cost between the railroad and the public. It is impossible to know precisely how far this conception of the railroad's status influ-Congress in the recent enactments which have solved the local grade-crossing problem at a tremendous public expense. It may safely be assumed, however, that the corporation was saved from a large proportion of expenditure through the ap-

plication of the "public benefit" principle een treated as private enterprises primarily and as public benefactors secondthe railroads and in consequence the record monwealth more nearly and uniformly apsome other communities. Newark is now of this character affecting the Lackawanna securing of the desired changes of grade, taxpayers. In combating this effort the Newark News has contributed an interesting item to the grade-crossing lore in the form of the following quotation from the annual report of President Truesdale of the Lack-

THE EVENING STAR. elevation, additional new main tracks, stations and other facilities for safe and efficient handling thereof. Economies can thus be effected which will aggregate almost enough to pay interest on the cost of the work."

> It is a fair assumption that the same view is privately held by every other farseeing railroad official. It is obvious that the transportation lines of the country cannot expect to grow forever at the expense of the public thoroughfares. The freight and passenger business is increasing at a phenomenal rate, but there is yet and there will remain a large use for the streets of cities. Human life must be protected even though the railroads are checked in their expansion. Here, then, is a meeting of two strong forces, the demands of commerce on the one hand and the demands of humanity and of public convenience on the other. Unless the railroads are to be allowed to dominate every terminal city and to absorb acre after acre of space and to close street after street, elevation or depression

The verdict of common sense and selfpreservation has been rendered by the maority of people in favor of some other mode of railroad expansion and thus the issue, as finally recast, lies between railroad stagnation with grade-crossings and consequent loss of business, and improved erminals largely at railroad expense with consequent profits notwithstanding. President Truesdale has stated a truth which should be noted by every city council and state legislature in the future framing of grade-crossing laws.

Dealing With Lynching.

The authorities of Mississippi, with the governor in the lead, are making an earnest effort to put a stop to lynching in that state. The evil has grown to such proportions that the people keenly feel the reproach of the condition of things. And yet, as they are finding out, they have entered upon a most difficult undertaking. Lawlessness, when well under way, is almost as hard to stamp out as a prairie fire.

At a recent session of a circuit court in that state, the presiding judge, in instructing the grand jury, confined himself exclusively to the topic of lynching, and asked for indictments in a case of local notoriety. The jury, composed of representative citizens, sat the full time required by law, but was forced at the close to make the following report to the court:

"In accordance with your instructions we xamined all witnesses whose names you handed us in the Terry lynching case, ex-cept those who furnished a doctor's certificate, that they were unable to come be-fore a grand jury. We also examined some witnesses, white and black, in addition to the above. We were unable to obtain even We were unable to obtain even the name of one member of the mob, and consequently found it impossible to frame any indictment, in spite of our strenuous

It is safe to assume that some of the wit nesses examined by this jury possessed information which would have been of serv ice to the commonwealth. But they were confronted by the danger that confronts all men in similar circumstances. They were asked to testify against men who having banded together to break the law once might under provocation do so again. They felt that they were called upon to take a risk personal to themselves, and that their testimony would find its way to the ears of those capable of assassination. And so they probably put this question to themselves: "If I assist in this way in bringing these men to justice, may not I, at their hands, or at the hands of some of their friends, pay the penalty with my

The citizen's duty is plain, but it sometimes requires a very high order of courage to do one's duty. The average man hesitates to make himself a target for lynchers tolerated injustice toward his comrades in and night riders. If he does not put his man of his reputation should take up the life in jeopardy by informing on them, he that they inspire, operate with all the greater boldness on that account.

The lynching spirit is most effectively dealt with and discouraged by those officers tion while guarding a prisoner sought by lynchers. The dispersal of a mob by the bullets of a sheriff and his deputies is the very best thing that can happen to a community where law-breaking of the lynching kind prevails. The commissions of the officers give them the authority to shoot, and powder and ball are admirably expend ed in that way.

The fact that the salary of the lieutenant governor of Ohio is only \$800 a year ought to offer some balm to the disappointed. However, money is no object when a man is dead set on being patriotic and serving his

against militarism. Mr. Spencer will have difficulty in convincing many people that the military spirit has not been the making

Mr. Hanna has had too much experience in political management to permit any amateurish halts in conventions with which he is connected.

The annual clamor for the great American novel is now being heard. This is probably due to the literary dearth caused by the temporary suspension of the Congressional

Minister Wu seems inclined to think that this country is so sadly in need of reformers that it can be persuaded to import them

When it comes to political angling it is plain that ex-President Cleveland has been using the wrong kind of bait.

A number of Wall street brokers are now going on vacations. The lambs are working over time, trying to catch up.

It is evident that Poet Laureate Austin is not getting the action out of the Boer war

The irritating person who advises people to "keep cool" must be borne with for the next two or three months,

The War Revenue Reduction. a stamp tax on some articles of commerce and in certain transactions of business. This stamp tax is always an unpopular method of raising revenue, but in times of emergency such as the Spanish campaign caused, it is the readjest available. The people cheerfully responded to the call and while the war needs continued to press the tax was paid practically without a murmer. When the war closed and the need was for funds to maintain the campaign in the Philippines, there was some demur in the quarters hostile to the policy of retaining the islands. When in time this demand likewise diminished in force and reduction of the revenue became advisable in the interest of public economy, there were difficulties to be overcome in the multitude of conflicting interests demanding first consideration. The amendment finally accomplished was, of course not satisfactory to all. The total reduction of \$50,000,000 a year, estimated as the result of the changes which are to take place next Monday will not cut the country's income to the danger point, but will still leave a margin of perhaps \$30,000,000. One of the most satisfactory items of the

reduction is the remission of the stamp

curing revenue were to be devised. Whether the redemption of the unused check stamps will be accomplished with absolute equity remains a question. There are difficulties in the way of an entire refund to the innocent holders of these obligations which should assuredly be solved. While the loss of a small sum by each individual may not be personally serious it is apparently not the purpose of the law to mulct the taxpayers because of their sin-

There is an invariable inclination to de ride every popular actor in his first endeavors to play legitimate roles. Yet a legitimate actor must begin some time.

cere efforts to comply with the statutes.

The familiar combination of small boy, fireworks and family physician is nearly

SHOOTING STARS.

Merely for Conversation's Sake. "Can't I sell you something to keep the nair from coming out?" asked the barber. "No," answered the customer with the polished pate. "What I want is something to coax it along and keep it from staying

Commercialism in Art. "How are you getting on in your literary

"Badiy. I can't keep my attention on my story. I am writing for a publication that pays 2 cents a word, and every time 1 use a word of more than three syllables I feel as if I were wasting money."

A Chinese Soliloquy. As those indemnities we pay Our solemn doubt increases. We'll certainly be broke some day-And who will get the pieces?

'What makes me s'picious o' some re-'ohmers," said Uncle Eben, "is dat dey can't see no way o' kyahin' out deir reforhms onless dey gits a lahge gov'ment job to staht wif."

Perverted Vegetarianism.

"What was the matter with your friend?" "Well," answered Colonel Stilwell, "I am sorry to say that he got the wrong idea of vegetarianism. He was informed that corn belongs to the vegetable kingdom. It occurred to him that his favorite whisky was made from corn, and then he proceeded to draw his own conclusions."

> Some of the Advantages. Oh, gather round, benighted folk, And learn your little books,

For fear the bullets and the smoke Will ruin your good looks. 'Tis plain that you have never yet With thoroughness surmised

The various benefits you get

By being civilized. Now we can wear our heavy coats The sultry summer through. With lofty collars round our throats And well-starched bosoms, too,

Then, oh, how can you hesitate. Since luxury so prized Shall surely be your happy fate When you are civilized.

The Rotten Pension System. From the New York Times.

Everybody knows from one to a score of cases where the pension has been obtained by perjury and is received in fraud. It is his general knowledge that has evoked he indignant protest against the pension roll of a million names, of which it is evident that something like one-half must have been placed there by perjury and fraud. The pension system is rotten, rotten to the very core, and Gen. Sickles has ranged himself on the side of the sharks and suborners of perfury who have labored successfully and profitably to make it a roll of dishonor. It is astonishing that a cudgels with so much earnestness in sup-port of the rascally pension agents whose fraudulent designs Pension Evans has striven to thwart.

The Professional Old Soldiers and the Attorneys.

From the New York Sun. After four years of admirable service Commissioner Evans is well prepared to withstand the attacks of the professional old soldiers and the claim attorneys behind them. He was never stronger in the confidence and esteem of the public generally. He has been and is a credit to the present administration, and it is likely that he was never appreciated more highly than now by the Secretary of the Interior and the President.

President McKinley's Plain Duty. From the Philadelphia Ledger.

Mr. Evans is faithful and competent, as President McKinley knows well and appreciates, and the people will have abiding faith that there shall be no vacancy made in the office of commissioner of pensions merely to satisfy the unscrupulous foes of an admirable public servant.

The Bill Board Nuisance.

From the Kansas City Times. The outlook for the abolition, or at least for a considerable abatement, of the bill board nuisance that has for weeks and months been overrunning the city—until the chief purpose of some of the streets for medicines, cigars, animal foods, plug tobacco, pickles and sauces, sausages and saddlery, and almost every other variety

of merchantable articles under the sun-grows daily more encouraging. Several members of the city council have to remedy this wholesale disfigurement of the city's business and residence districts to remedy this wholesale distigurement of the city's business and residence districts by means of noisy posters that cause head-aches and pictorial monstrosities that are a torment to the eye.

It is agreeable to observe that public sen-timent is becoming thoroughly aroused, and that influential citizens are aligning them-

selves in opposition to the bill board nuisance, whose prevalence is rapidly nullifying the laborious efforts that have been put forward to make Kansas City a beautiful

A Good Heathen Example. From the Charleston News and Courier.

Bathing is a national institution in Japan.

In 1890 there were over 800 public baths in the one city of Tokio, in which, it was esti-mated, 300,000 persons bathed daily, at a cost of about 1 cent each for adults, with a reduction for children.

Think of it—over 800 public baths in one Think of it—over soo public baths in one heathen city, and not eight in all the dozen Christian states in this general latitude, with their 25,000,000 inhabitants! And 300,000 clean heathens bathe "daily" in that one city, while millions of our dusty Christian of the comp that he can the comp that the comp that the comp the comp that th

tians do not bathe, on the same "altogether" scale, weekly or even monthly.

The comparison is vastly to our disadvantage and discredit, and the more so as it is an unwritten article of our creed that "cleanliness is next to godliness."

While we are so busily engaged in "opening doors" on the far side of the world on commercial principles it would not be a bad idea, evidently, if we opened a few score, on sanitary principles, at home.

Military Bourbonism. From the New York World.

It is probable that M. de Block's search-ing denunciations of the present military system, with its large standing armies and its elaborate maneuverings, are too sweeping. It is also probable that there is a very large element of truth in them. But most important of all the probabilities is the probability that the military men will pay not the slightest attention to any defects in their system until they are forced by the practical demonstration of battle.

The Shirt Waist Man.

From the Baltimore American. The shirt waist man is experiencing the usual persecution suffered by all pioneers in a good cause. It will be noticed, however, that the shirt waist woman is not flying into print to accuse him of unseem-ly grasping at her feminine privileges.

Problem for Democrats. From the Indianapolis Journal.

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